**Remarks** 

Claims 1-4 were pending as of the issuance of the instant Office Action.

Claims 1 and 2 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 4 of Application No. 09/837,178. However, Application No. 09/837,178 is abandoned as shown on the enclosed PAIR information sheet. Thus, claim 4 does not conflict with the subject matter of the instant claims 1 or 2, because claim 4 is not pending. Consequently, since Application No. 09/837,178 is not co-pending, Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, Applicants submit that the objection of claims 3 and 4 is rendered moot, because the rejection of the base claim should be withdrawn since the alleged co-pending Application is abandoned. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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